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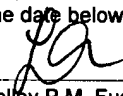
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/442,542; "Sustained DNA Delivery from Structural Matrices"; Shea, Bonadio, Mooney and Peters; UM 1522P1*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) An Amendment; and Response to fourth and non-final Office Action dated October 3, 2003;
- (2) Copies of earlier timely submitted PTO Form 1449s listing References A35, C25-C37 and C49-C50 not yet initialed by the Office;
- (3) A Request for an Extension of Time of three months to and including April 3, 2004; and
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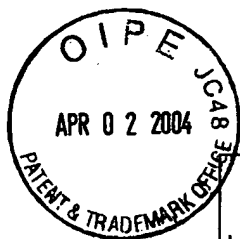
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In re Application of:

Shea, Bonadio, Peters and Mooney

Serial No.: 09/442,542

Filed: November 18, 1999

For: SUSTAINED DNA DELIVERY FROM
STRUCTURAL MATRICES

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Kaushal, S.

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**AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO FOURTH
AND NON-FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED OCTOBER 03, 2003**

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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. A response to the fourth and non-Final Official Action dated October 03, 2003 ("the fourth Action") is also submitted, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks therein. The response is timely filed with the required extension and appropriate fee. The response confirms allowance of all claims, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis.